



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101
EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
Docket Number: CWA-10-2024-0104, NPDES No. WAR004622
Penalty Amount: \$63,984, Inspection Date: January 18, 2023

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Parker Hannifin (“Respondent”) is a “person,” within the meaning of Section 502(5) of the Clean Water Act (“Act”), 33 U.S.C. § 1362(5), and 40 C.F.R. § 122.2.

Attached is an “Expedited Settlement Offer Worksheet” (“Settlement Worksheet”), which is incorporated by reference. By its signature, Complainant (“EPA”) finds that Respondent is responsible for the alleged violations specified in the Settlement Worksheet.

Respondent failed to comply with the condition(s) or limitation(s) of a duly issued permit pursuant to Section 402 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1342, and Section 301(a) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a).

EPA finds, and Respondent admits, that Respondent is subject to Section 301(a) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311, and that EPA has jurisdiction over any “person” who “discharges pollutants” from a “point source” to “waters of the United States.” Respondent neither admits nor denies the specific alleged violations specified in the Settlement Worksheet or this Expedited Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”).

This Agreement constitutes a Consent Agreement and Final Order, which EPA is authorized to enter under the authority vested in the Administrator of EPA by Section 309(g)(2)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2)(A), and by 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b). The parties enter into this Agreement to settle the civil violation(s) alleged in this Agreement for a penalty of \$63,984. Respondent consents to the assessment of this penalty and waives the right to: (1) contest the finding(s) specified in the Settlement Worksheet; (2) a hearing pursuant to Section 309(g)(2) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2); and (3) appeal pursuant to Section 309(g)(8), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(8).

Additionally, Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false statement to the United States Government, that the alleged violations identified in the Settlement Worksheet have been corrected. Respondent shall submit a written report and other documentation required by EPA with this Agreement detailing the specific actions taken to correct the alleged violations cited herein. This documentation may include monitoring, inspection and maintenance reports, documentation of corrective actions, certification records, and other records required for compliance with permit documentation and recordkeeping conditions.

Respondent certifies that, within ten (10) days after receipt of the Final Order, Respondent will submit electronic payment via www.pay.gov or submit a bank, cashiers, or certified check, with

case name and docket number noted, for the amount specified above, payable to the “Treasurer, United States of America,” via certified mail, to:

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. EPA, Region 10
Fines and Penalties, Cincinnati Finance Center
In the Matter of: Parker Hannifin
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P.O. Box 979078
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

Respondent agrees that consistent with section 162(f)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 162(f)(1), it will not deduct the penalties paid under this Agreement for federal tax purposes.

Pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6050X and 26 C.F.R. § 1.6050X-1, EPA is required to send to the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) annually, a completed IRS Form 1098-F (“Fines, Penalties, and Other Amounts”) with respect to any court order or settlement agreement (including administrative settlements), that require a payor to pay an aggregate amount that EPA reasonably believes will be equal to, or in excess of, \$50,000 for the payor’s violation of any law or the investigation or inquiry into the payor’s potential violation of any law, including amounts paid for “restitution or remediation of property” or to come “into compliance with the law.” EPA is further required to furnish a written statement, which provides the same information provided to the IRS, to each payor (i.e., a copy of IRS Form 1098-F). Failure to comply with providing IRS Form W-9 or Tax Identification Number (“TIN”), as described below, may subject Respondent to a penalty, per 26 U.S.C. § 6723, 26 U.S.C. § 6724(d)(3), and 26 C.F.R. § 301.6723-1. In order to provide EPA with sufficient information to enable it to fulfill these obligations, EPA herein requires, and Respondent herein agrees, that:

- A. Respondent shall complete an IRS Form W-9 (“Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification”), which is available at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>.
- B. Respondent shall therein certify that its completed IRS Form W-9 includes Respondent’s correct TIN or that Respondent has applied and is waiting for issuance of a TIN;
- C. Respondent shall email its completed Form W-9 to EPA’s Cincinnati Finance Center at henderson.jessica@epa.gov within 30 days after the Final Order ratifying this Agreement is filed, and EPA recommends encrypting IRS Form W-9 email correspondence; and
- D. In the event that Respondent has certified in its completed IRS Form W-9 that it does not yet have a TIN but has applied for a TIN, Respondent shall provide EPA’s

Cincinnati Finance Center with Respondent's TIN, via email, within five (5) days of Respondent's receipt of a TIN issued by the IRS.

More than 40 days have elapsed since providing the Agreement to Washington and the issuance of public notice pursuant to Section 309(g)(1) and (4)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(1) and (4)(A), and EPA has received no comments concerning this matter.

This Agreement settles EPA's civil penalty claims against Respondent for the alleged Clean Water Act violation(s) specified in this Agreement. EPA does not waive its rights to take any enforcement action against Respondent for any other past, present, or future civil or criminal violation of the Act or of any other federal statute or regulation. EPA does not waive its right to issue a compliance order for any uncorrected alleged violation(s) described in the Settlement Worksheet. EPA has determined this Agreement to be appropriate.

Vanessa Oquendo, Case Officer
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Having determined that this Agreement is authorized by law, IT IS SO ORDERED:

Prior to requesting that an EPA Regional Judicial Officer issue the Final Order, EPA will provide a copy of the Agreement to the state of Washington for the purposes of consultation with Washington on the appropriateness of this Agreement. EPA will also provide public notice of this Agreement and a reasonable opportunity for public comment on it. EPA will address any comments on the Agreement in accordance with section 309(g)(1) and (4)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(1) and (4)(A), and 40 CFR §§ 22.38 and 22.45.

Date: _____
Regional Judicial Officer
Region 10
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below and becomes final 30 days from the date it signed is by the Regional Judicial Officer, unless a petition to set aside this Agreement is filed by a commenter pursuant to Section 309(g)(5) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1391(g)(5), following public notice of this Agreement.

APPROVED BY RESPONDENT:

Name
(print): Linda Kazanovis

Title
(print): Division Human Resources - Parker

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] - Date: 06/11/2024

APPROVED BY EPA:

Edward J. Kowalski, Director
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division